

Project Summary





The communal health center in Bougoura is how people wanted to see it. I'm **happy**, the health center is now **well used** by patients which is interesting to see. All those who come and visit it find it **clean**. They often say that the health center is in **top condition, it's pretty and well-cleaned**. Safe water is available and easily accessible. It has a water tower, taps and washbasins inside, and handwashing devices outside. It's **practical, technical and the results are evident.**"

- Dr Dramane Daou,
Technical Head

Achievements



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Impact



Partnership framework (1/2)


WHO

- Definition of WASH standards and strategy in health centers
- Development of a situational analysis

CDC

- Installation of handwashing and drinking water stations
- Evaluation of the use and impact of the water stations

WaterAid and local partner NGOs

- Service delivery
 - Capacity building and strengthening of local systems
 - Hygiene promotion
 - Evidence-based policy influencing
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Partnership framework (2/2)

- ❑ **DNS (National Directorate for health)**
- ❑ **DRS (Regional Directorate for health)**
 - Technical support / monitoring and evaluation
 - Capacity building / compliance with agreed standards
- ❑ **Local governments & community health associations/groups**
 - Technical support / project management
 - Management of the community health centers (CSCOM)

Project focus areas

Assessment and situational analysis

- Inventory of WASH equipment
- Baseline on WASH related infections
- KAP survey on water, hygiene, sanitation and waste management
- Situational analysis of policies and key stakeholders

Delivery of WASH services

- Provide water stations
- Build /rehabilitate WASH facilities
- Connect care units to water systems
- Provide incinerators
- Provide hygiene and sanitation kits
- Hygiene promotion (sessions, materials, etc.)

Capacity building

- Train ASACO, health staff and mechanics
- Develop manuals to improve water delivery
- Support the implementation of WASHFITs
- Support the development of a WASH strategic plan in health centers at the national level

Monitoring & coordination

- Monitor impact after provision of hand washing facilities
- Monitor impact after waterpoints construction
- Document case studies
- Support national level coordination through joining the national Task force on WASH in HCFs

Achievements

Assessment and situational analysis

- Developed a tool for comprehensive assessment of WASH situation in 54 HCFs
- Baseline study on perinatal infections and hand washing practices (CDC)
- Assessed policy and stakeholder framework (WHO)

Delivery of WASH services

- 23 HCFs with access to WASH services
- 23 HCFs provided with hygiene and sanitation kits approved by the national authorities
- 23 incinerators provided to manage biomedical waste

Capacity building

- HCFs staff trained on how to manage biomedical waste
- HCFs staff trained on WASHFITs

Monitoring & coordination

- MoU with Regional directorates for health
- Support to the national taskforce
- Joint monitoring visits

Project impacts

- National strategic plan for improving access to water, hygiene and sanitation in HCFs
- Minimum package in HCFs (regional hospitals, CSREF and CSCOM) validated by the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene
- National level guidelines & standards developed and/or reviewed (biomedical waste management manual, etc.)
- Harmonized interventions in the sector (WHO, UNICEF, World Vision, etc.) via the national taskforce
- Prioritization of WASH in HCFs in the local development plans (*Plans de Développement Économique et Social, PDSEC*)

Lessons learnt

- Empowerment and leadership of health stakeholders are critical factors for ownership and learning
- Sustainable investments require the 'right' choice of technologies
- The combination of our intervention approach with WaterAid's 'Healthy Start' campaign has given a national reach to the project
- Many organizations working in the WASH sector are interested in investing in this field and have contacted WaterAid Mali to learn from our experience

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